

Town of Wethersfield Conservation Commission
Minutes of the April 14, 2010 Meeting

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Chairman Rick Baldoni called the meeting to order at 7:20 PM in the Town Hall Conference Room, which was attended by Commissioners Ingrid Boelhouwer, William Knapp, Christoph Geiss, Ralph Moyer, Robert Pulford, and Rebecca Zalznock. Also in attendance was Kathy Bagley, Director of the Parks & Recreation Department.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The March 10, 2010 Minutes were reviewed and on a Motion by R. Moyer, Seconded by W. Knapp, approved unanimously.

II. COMMUNICATIONS

I. Boelhouwer presented some information from the "Smart Growth" conference she attended with R. Baldoni and A. Adil on March 18, 2010 at the Capitol Community College campus in Hartford. The conference provided information on alternative transportation and other issues related to mass transit and urban sprawl.

III. OLD BUSINESS

W. Knapp reported that the progress for the Town's purchase of the properties associated with the Wilkus Farm is "on track". The Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission recently approved the Permit for the excavation of contaminated soils in three areas of the Willow Street parcel where the house and barns are located.

IV. WINTERGREEN WOODS

- Prior to the meeting, Jim McAlister (who was not in attendance at the meeting) emailed members of the Commission stating that the Town is arranging to present a Proclamation to the Central Connecticut State University students acknowledging their work on the Wintergreen Woods project. Although not finalized, the presentation is tentatively set for the May 19th Town Council meeting.
- The Commission members each visited the Wintergreen Woods park since the date of the last meeting and discussed issues of concern and / or priority for the park, including the trail systems; maintenance / repair of the foot bridges on the Blue Trail; and the condition of the dam located in the southwest section of the park. The Commission will conduct some research on the history of the existing (but deteriorating) dam before the next meeting; and will ask Wethersfield resident Jim Meehan if he would consider researching and writing an article on the history of Wintergreen Woods. The Commission will use any historic information in concert with the CCSU reports to develop a list of recommended priorities for the management of Wintergreen Woods.
- On behalf of the Game Club, Commissioner B. Knapp will assess the condition of the foot bridges on the Blue Trail for the Game Club to conduct any necessary repairs.

Chairman Baldoni adjourned the meeting at 8:30 PM under a Motion by R. Moyer and seconded by C. Geiss.

Respectfully submitted by

Rebecca M. Zalznock, Secretary